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A regular meeting of the Redmond City Council was called to order by Mayor Rosemarie Ives at 7:33 p.m. in the Council Chambers. Councilmembers present were: Cole, McCormick, Paine, Resha, Robinson, and Vache.

AWARD - SUPPORTING NATIONAL GUARD AND RESERVES

David Dow, United States Department of Defense, National Committee for Employer Support of the National Guard and Reserve, presented an award recognizing the Redmond Public Works Department of the City of Redmond as a patriotic employer for contributing to national security and protecting liberty and freedom by supporting employee participation in America's National Guard and Reserve Force.

Mr. Almond accepted the award on behalf of the city. He expressed his appreciation for being able to come back to his job after he completed his active duty, and to the people who filled in for him while he was gone.

Councilmember Cole added the Council's thanks to members of the Fire and Police Departments who have been on active duty with the military as well.

AWARD/RECOGNITION - POLICE ACCREDITATION

Police Chief Harris accepted the Egon Bittner Award, on behalf of the City of Redmond, in recognition for 15 years of Police Accreditation.

EXCUSE COUNCILMEMBER MARCHIONE

Motion by Ms. McCormick, second by Mr. Resha, to excuse Councilmember Marchione. Motion carried unanimously (6 - 0).

CONSENT AGENDA

Motion by Ms. McCormick, second by Mr. Resha, to approve the following items of the Consent Agenda:

- (1) approve the minutes of the regular meeting of December 7, 2004.
(Councilmember McCormick previously notified the City Clerk of minor corrections on page 124 of the minutes, and these corrections were made.)

- (2) approve the following payroll/direct deposit and claims checks:

PAYROLL/DIRECT DEPOSIT CHECKS:

#159955 through 160757; and
#131442 through 132600 \$2,724,303.33

CLAIMS CHECKS:

#301514 through 302116; and
#302322 through 302526 \$8,090,157.19

- (3) authorize the Mayor to sign an amended interlocal agreement between the City of Redmond and the City of Bellevue for Public Safety Wireless Communication Services
- (4) approve the October 2004 amended interlocal agreement for a Consolidated Training Division between the Kirkland, Redmond, and Woodinville Fire Departments, and authorize the Mayor to sign the agreement
- (5) confirm the appointments of Dave Norwood and Jim Gilbert to the Lodging Tax Advisory Committee
- (6) authorize the Mayor to execute an Agreement with King County to accept King County's contribution of funding for transportation products and services for the Redmond Trip Reduction Incentive Program (R-TRIP) through December 31, 2005
- (7) approve a Consultant Agreement to develop and examine general alignment alternatives and select a preferred alignment for a future high capacity transit (HCT) link in the vicinity of Downtown Redmond, with Crandall Arambula, in the amount of \$127,729; and authorize the Mayor to sign the agreement.

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Councilmember McCormick remarked that the Council might want more briefings on high capacity transit than those indicated in the scope of work.

Motion carried unanimously (6 - 0).

BUSINESS TAX/TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT (BT/TI) COMMITTEE
RECOMMENDATIONS

The Mayor, in a memorandum to the City Council dated January 4, 2005, recommended approval of the Committee recommendations for expenditure of the remaining unallocated business tax revenues which will allow the city to continue to improve transportation capacity and Transportation Demand Management (TDM) projects.

Motion by Mr. Cole, second by Ms. McCormick, to approve the Business Tax Transportation Improvement Committee (BT/TI) recommendations for expenditure of business tax revenues as approved by the Committee on October 6, 2004, with the NE 85 Street Rechannelization and 164 Avenue NE Rechannelization projects deleted at this time.

Councilmember Resha said these projects ranked high with the BT/TI Committee who thought there was a great deal of value, both projects would enhance mobility in our community, and there would be funding. He stated that since the Committee strongly recommends that these projects be included, he would not be voting for Councilmember Cole's motion.

Motion failed (1 - 5), with McCormick, Paine, Resha, Robinson, and Vache voting nay.

Motion by Mr. Resha, second by Mr. Paine, to approve the Business Tax/Transportation Improvement Committee recommendations for expenditure of business tax revenues as approved by the Committee on October 6, 2004. Motion carried (5 - 1) with Cole voting nay.

The Mayor agreed that there needs to be public processes around both projects. She noted the Council's receipt of letters from the Redmond Post Office, Bob Wallace and Associates, the Redmond King County Library, and the Greater Redmond Chamber of

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Commerce to look at improvements to the NE 85 Street corridor.

OMBUDSMAN REPORT

Councilmember Cole received a complaint that the improvements made to Redmond Way between the State Route 520 interchange and 170 Avenue NE have made things significantly worse. He said Bill Campbell, Assistant Director of Public Works, responded to the citizen.

Councilmember Cole was contacted by a citizen that the Police Department is not placing a high enough priority on pedestrian and bicycle safety. He requested that the Public Safety Committee discuss it at its January 26, 2005 meeting.

Councilmember Cole reported that the sewer line along 132 Avenue NE in Rose Hill zigs in and out, as does the city's boundary line. The southeast corner of NE 85 Street and 132 Avenue NE is in the city, but does not have access to sewer, and the owners would like to put sewer into the area. He noted that the owners have made this request several times, but according to staff, the estimated cost is very significant. Councilmember Cole pointed out that this is a policy issue the Council has discussed in the past, and that more than six years ago money was allocated to help mitigate some of the cost, but there are not sufficient funds to install this sewer. He concluded the citizen has construction experience and believes a sewer line could be run under the street at a fraction of the cost estimated by the city.

Councilmember McCormick said this issue has been challenging for staff, the city, and the property owners. However, in May 2004, the Council received a report about illicit discharge into the sewer, and her first thought was Rose Hill and septic tanks. Councilmembers concurred with her suggestion that the Planning and Public Works Committee explore this issue. Councilmember McCormick also suggested that the Council might want to include this issue in its discussion of long-term strategies.

Councilmember Cole received correspondence asking for a response to follow-up questions on the Perrigo Heights issue, to which he responded.

The Mayor received an inquiry about whether 166 Avenue NE would be re-paved between NE 81 Street and NE 82 Street where the waterline was installed. She said staff informed her it would be re-paved.

Councilmember Robinson reported there were four to five hundred people at the Los Santos Reyes Festival, the last event of RedmondLights, on Sunday, January 2, 2005. He thanked the city and the Mayor for supporting the event.

PUBLIC HEARING - NE 91 STREET RIGHT-OF-WAY VACATION, L040099

The Mayor, in a memorandum to the City Council dated January 4, 2005, advised that the city will retain a sidewalk easement as part of the vacation. The vacation of the right-of-way will not adversely affect street patterns or circulation in the immediate vicinity or the community as a whole, and she recommended approval of this right-of-way vacation.

The Mayor opened the public hearing at 8:06 p.m.

Mark Rigos, representing Concept Engineering, Issaquah, Washington 98027, said he has been working on this twenty-six unit condominium project for about five years. On behalf of the applicant, he requested the Council's approval of the right-of-way vacation for the following reasons:

- The vacation area will contain a storm drainage vault, which will improve drainage.
- The vacation area is fairly small.
- The city will be compensated for the lost area.
- The surface conditions of the vacation area will be greatly improved.

Hearing no further testimony, the Mayor declared the public hearing closed at 8:10 p.m.

Motion by Mr. Cole, second by Ms. McCormick, to adopt Ordinance No. 2246, as requested by RBC Treemont North, LLC, to vacate a portion of NE 91 Street right-of-way that is located west of 166 Avenue NE at the end of the NE 91 Street corridor.

Ordinance No. 2246, vacating a portion of the NE 91 Street right-of-way located west of 166 Avenue NE at the end of the NE 91 Street corridor pursuant to RCW 35.79 and Redmond Community Development Guide 20F.40.110, subject to compensation and the reservation of certain easements, City File No. L040099, was presented and read.

Upon a poll of the Council, Cole, McCormick, Paine, Resha, Robinson and Vache voted aye. Motion carried unanimously (6 - 0).

PUBLIC HEARING - AVON VILLA ANNEXATION, L040099

The Mayor, in a memorandum to the City Council dated January 4, 2005, recommended approval of this annexation.

The Mayor opened the public hearing at 8:11 p.m.

Mark Chooljian, representing the Redmond Eagles, said the Eagles have the following concerns about annexing into the city:

- They understand they will be within the City of Redmond boundaries. Redmond Eagles is a non-profit agency that sells fireworks for charity, and the city does not allow the sale of fireworks within the city limits. Since the agency has engaged in this activity in the past, would they be able to continue - could they be grandfathered?
- What changes will there be to the amount of taxes they would pay in the city versus the county?
- What about the curbing going in across the street from the Eagles' property?

James E. Haney, City Attorney, explained that if the city ordinance prohibits the sale of fireworks during the time period the Eagles usually sells them, they cannot sell them, and there is no grandfathering.

The Mayor said they would not see much change in the tax amount, but would receive much better services in the city. They would not pay the county road tax portion on the property bill, nor the surcharge they have been paying for the city to supply water service outside the city limits. However, the savings would be offset somewhat since Redmond has a utility tax.

The Mayor said Jim Roberts, Assistant Planning Director, would follow-up with Mr. Chooljian regarding the curbing issue.

Mr. Chooljian stated that the Eagles are opposed to being annexed because they would not be allowed to sell fireworks, which is one of their major fundraising efforts, and because of the possibility of increased taxes. He said he did not realize this was going to be on tonight's agenda, and would liked to have had the opportunity to discuss the issues with the rest of the Redmond Eagles' membership.

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Councilmember Cole asked the City Attorney if this subject was subject to reconsideration at the next regular meeting? Mr. Haney replied no, because it is an ordinance, and will become effective before the next meeting.

Hearing no further testimony, the Mayor closed the public hearing at 8:17 p.m.

Motion by Mr. Cole, second by Ms. McCormick, to adopt Ordinance No. 2247, approving the Avon Villa Annexation, File Number L040072.

Ordinance No. 2447, annexing 13 acres located on the southeast corner of Avondale Road and NE 116 Street that extend east to Bear Creek and south to the electric transmission corridor and requiring the property to be assessed and taxed at the same rate and on the same basis as other property within the city, File Number L040072, was presented and read.

Upon a poll of the Council, Cole, McCormick, Paine, Resha, Robinson, and Vache voted aye. Motion carried unanimously (6 - 0).

2005 STATE LEGISLATIVE AGENDA

The Mayor, in a memorandum to the City Council dated January 4, 2005, recommended approval of the 2005 State Legislative Agenda

Motion by Mr. Cole, second by Ms. McCormick, to approve the 2005 State Legislative Agenda with some changes.

The Council engaged in general discussion of the Legislative Agenda. There was concurrence to move all except three or four items to the second page. The Councilmembers proposed the following items for page one: transportation, annexation, sales tax streamlining, courts, and condo liability. Following extended debate and discussion, there was agreement that staff would reword the items on the first page, and the Mayor, Council President McCormick, and Councilmember Vache would review the Legislative agenda and email the revised Legislative Agenda to the Council.

Motion to approve the 2005 Legislative Agenda in concept carried unanimously (6 - 0).

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KING COUNTY COUNCIL REDISTRICTING

On November 2, 2004, the voters of King County passed Charter Amendment 1A, which called for the reduction of the County Council positions from thirteen to nine. The Mayor and Council engaged in a general discussion of the boundaries of the King County Council districts as presented in the four proposed alternative plans to reduce the number of Council districts from thirteen to nine.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Council, the Mayor declared the meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

MAYOR

DEPUTY CITY CLERK